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Mr. John Hill
Administrator (MC-A)
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Canada/U.S. Safety Rating Reciprocity

Dear Administrator Hill:

On April 29, 1994, the governments of the U.S. and Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) relating to reciprocal recognition of motor carrier safety ratings. As part of the agreement, both countries agreed that their "implementing agencies" would work towards reciprocal recognition of motor carrier safety ratings. The MoU defined the "Implementing Agency" for the United States as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA is the successor agency of FHWA relating to commercial vehicle safety issues) and, for Canada, the provincial or territorial authority that has responsibility over safety regulations for transborder motor carrier operations and where a transborder motor carrier operates motor vehicles.

In Canada, the safety rating is issued consistent with National Safety Code Standard 14 by the Implementing Agency responsible for the safety management of the motor carrier.

In accordance with paragraph (B) of Article 4 of the MoU, it is the responsibility of each Implementing Agency to determine the compatibility of its respective motor carrier facility audit or safety and compliance review program with that of the other Party to the MoU. Each province and territory in Canada worked together through its representatives on the Standing Committee on Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (CRA) of the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) in order to achieve that goal.

Following approval of CRA's recommendations, CCMTA, on behalf of all Canadian implementing agencies, wishes to confirm that FMCSA's safety and compliance review program is deemed compatible with Canada's facility audit standard. CCMTA, representing the Canadian implementing agencies, is prepared to recognize U.S. motor carrier safety ratings derived from the FMCSA safety and compliance review program subject to resolution of certain operational issues, including the exchange of motor carrier safety data, and further, subject to reciprocal consideration by FMCSA. CCMTA agrees to work with the FMCSA to resolve the identified operational issues in an expedient manner.

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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the fulfillment of this agreement between Canada and the U.S.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherry Wolf', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sherry Wolf
CCMTA President